

Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 16, 2013

Lafayette County Human Services provides an array of cost effective, quality services, and community-based support for individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Advisory Committee members present: John Bartels, Mary Jo Finkenbinder, Carol Korn, Chris Parkinson, Leean White, Vicki Whitford, Leon Wolfe

LCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

Others present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Leon Wolfe at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, City Library, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal.
- B. Motion by Vicki Whitford, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Mary Jo Finkenbinder to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012 meeting as printed; carried.
- D. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Leean White to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2012 Public Hearing meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments were submitted.

III. MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. **Driver Escort**-The month of November had 9 drivers for a total of \$1,562.42.
- B. **Transportation**-The month of November had 7 shopping trips.

Bus fuel for the month of November was \$805.71; repair for headlights was \$27.12; Registration of vehicles was \$225.00 and US Cellular was \$28.75 (for cell phone Bobby carries).
- C. **Home Chore Program**-There was 21 clients served in the month of November.
- D. **Upper Horizon Newsletter**-The month of November newsletter cost was \$817.42. Kate Chambers reported as of January 1, 2013 the newsletter will have a little different format. The newsletter will be sponsored by the ADRC (Aging Disability Resource Center) with Aging and ADRC splitting the newsletter costs. There are also some formatting changes in "Riding the Bus with Bobby" along with the SUN Program article and meal menus printed in the middle of the newsletter for easy reading and access. Ms. Chambers stated Jan Haverland, Shopping

News Representative, has left the Shopping News; therefore, a new representative will be assigned for our area.

- E. **Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance**-The month of November had a disbursement of \$180.00 for personal care.
- F. **Lafayette County Nurses**-The month of November charge was \$288.00 for personal care and supportive services.

Medical Alerts-The cost for November medical alerts was \$512.10.

- G. **ADRC**-Ms. Chambers reported the ADRC phone number (776-4960) will be directly answered by the LCHS receptionist. The Receptionist received training on how to answer the calls and where to direct the calls when they are received.

Elderly Benefit Specialist-The EBS worked with 44 individuals in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance and Financial Impact. The monetary impact benefit was \$60,585.00.

Ms. Chambers reported that Diane Douglas, Elderly Benefit Specialist, was recognized for her high performance measures for the 12 months prior to September 30, 2012. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) refers to a group of federal and state funded programs. These programs work together to provide assistance with public and private health insurance issues and options to Medicare beneficiaries (Part D) or those soon to be Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers.

The COA Advisory Committee expressed their appreciation for Diane's hard work and dedication to her clients. A Thank You card will be given to Diane for all of her hard work from the COA board.

Disability Benefit Specialist-The DBS worked with 43 individuals in the areas of Medicaid, SSI/SSDI eligibility. The monetary impact benefit was \$179,168.

Information & Assistance-There were 31 contacts for the month of December in the areas of Abuse and Neglect, Assistive Technology, education, housing, in-home services, legal services and public benefits.

- IV. **SUN PROGRAM REPORT**-Ms. Chambers reported Lafayette County has received the request for \$23,360.00 from the SUN Program.

V. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. **Berry Company**-Ms. Chambers reported Lafayette County will be advertising the ADRC phone number (776-4960) when the new phone books are printed in May; and will be phasing out the Human Services number (776-4900) eventually phasing out the Commission On Aging number (776-4888).
- B. **LogistiCare**-Ms. Chambers indicated the contract between LogistiCare and the State of Wisconsin is scheduled to terminate on February 17, 2013. There is a new RFP (Request for

Proposal) out and LogistiCare will be applying for the contract to get it back; but increasing the rate from their current contract. This is due to the addition of the Waukesha, Milwaukee area. There is another vendor that is applying for the contract called Access2Care. More on this topic as it develops.

- C. New Bus Schedule-The application was due on February 6, 2012; notification was received on October 2, 2012 that Lafayette County was approved for two busses; and Ms. Chambers has received notification that the large bus can now be ordered. Ms. Chambers will speak with Bobby Long on what specifications he would like to order for the bus.
- D. Standard Mileage Rates have increased from 55.5 cents to 56.5 cents for the Driver Escort drivers.
- E. Lafayette County will be working cooperatively to complete a new Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for 2014-2019. Lafayette County will be working with Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to complete this.
- F. Family Care-Ms. Chambers reported that Family Care is not yet available everywhere in Wisconsin. There are currently several counties - Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Shawano and Rock that have been planning to implement Family Care. If Wisconsin does not fund expansion of the program, these counties will not be able to start Family Care. Advocacy issue
- G. Ms. Chambers stated the 85.21 funding which provides transportation options for some of the most vulnerable citizens in areas that lack public transit systems is in danger of funding cuts in 2013 bringing their funding levels below 2012 amounts. Advocacy issue
- H. Title III-Ms. Chambers presented with a handout outlining Title III. The largest program under the Older Americans Act, Title III lays out responsibilities and requirements for State Aging Units and Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). It is through the programs and structures established by Title III that the majority of the money is authorized and most of the legislative detail is specified.
- I. Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs)-Ms. Chambers reported the following MOUs are up for renewal and requests approval to renew.

Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance-Motion by Leean White; second by Mary Jo Finkenbinder to approve renewal of MOU; carried.

Shopping News for Upper Horizon-Motion by Vicki Whitford; second by Chris Parkinson to approve renewal of MOU; carried.

Lafayette County Health Dept.-Motion by Carol Korn; second by Vicki Whitford to approve renewal of MOU; carried.

- J. Regional ADRC-Ms. Chambers stated the Regional ADRC needs a new layperson on their Board. Anne Craig from Darlington is currently on the Board; her term will expire in April.

This Board meets once a month in Darlington at LCHS on a 4th Thursday of the month in the morning. Leean White expressed interest in being on this Board. Ms. Chambers will report back on this issue at the next COA meeting.

VI. ADJOURN

- A. The next meeting was set for **Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.**
- B. The meeting was adjourned by Chair Leon Wolfe at 1:55 p.m.

Reviewed by Kate Chambers 3-13-2013
Kate Chambers, Aging Director Date

Approved by Leon Wolfe 3-13-2013
Leon Wolfe, Chair Date

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